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BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
(SERVICE FEES) REGULATIONS, 2004

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REGULATIONS made by the Minister, after consultation with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, in the exercise of powers conferred upon him by sections 86 (1) (i),(s),(kk) and (qq) of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted, 2004.)

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the
**BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SERVICE FEES)
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Interpretation.

2. (1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

CAP. 211.

“Authority” means the Belize Agricultural Health Authority established under section 3 of the Act;

“accredit” or “accredited” means officially recognized by the competent authority to certify, inspect or audit the quality, diagnostic or calibration laboratory, and to verify in the national environ, the compliance of technical conditions and requirements required for the functioning of the entities responsible for control and verifications of sanitary and Phytosanitary measures;

“cargo vessel” means any conveyance carrying commodities from one place to another;

“certificate” means an official document which attests to the sanitary or phytosanitary status of any consignment affected by sanitary or phytosanitary regulations;

“certification” means the procedure by which official certification bodies or officially recognized certification bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that foods or food control systems conform with requirements. Certification of food may, as appropriate, be based on a range of inspection activities which may include continuous online inspections, auditing of quality assurance systems, and examination of finished products;

“commodity” means any type of plant, animal, their products and byproducts, or other article being moved for trade or other purpose;

“consignment” means a quantity of plants, plant products, animal and animal products or other regulated commodity being moved from one country or region to another;

“consignment in transit” means a consignment that is not imported into a country but passes through it to another country, subject to official procedures which ensure that it remains enclosed, and is not split up, or combined with other consignments or has its packaging changed;

“construction material” means cement, steel, plywood, fibre-cement, lumber, stone, sand, gravel, ceramic tiles, cement blocks, ceramic bricks, marble stones, granite and other like material;

“conveyance” means any vessel, aircraft, vehicle, cart, container, animal or other thing that can convey plants, plant products, animal, animal products, carcass, biologics, veterinary drugs pests, beneficial organisms, or other commodity from one place to another;

“cruise ship” means a ship carrying fare-paying passengers on a tour and calling on a port in Belize;

“cut flowers and branches” means a class of commodity of fresh parts of plants intended for decorative use and not for planting;

“designated officer” means a person employed and/or accredited to carry out the functions of the Authority;

“entry” means in relation to a consignment, movement through any official designated port of entry into the territory of Belize;

“exporter” means anyone who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent, broker or otherwise, is in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody of any plant, plant product, animal, animal product, pest, beneficial organism or other regulated article landed or likely to be landed in any country or region other than Belize;

“floral arrangement” means a regulated commodity which is made of flowers or flora with greens and placed in a proper order or in a correct or suitable sequence or adjustment and includes bouquets;

“greens” means and includes ferns, stems, leaves, grass and branches;

“import” means bringing into Belize by any means whatever;

“importer” means any person who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent, broker or otherwise, is in possession of, or in control of, in any way entitled to the custody of any plant, plant product, animal, animal product,

pest, beneficial organism or other regulated article landed or likely to be landed in Belize from another country or region;

“inspection” means official visual examination of plants, plant products, animals, animal products or other regulated articles to determine if pests or diseases are present and/or to determine compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary regulations;

“large yacht” means a vessel measuring fifty (50) feet or more in length and/or ten (10) feet or more in width;

“non-commercial purposes” means the use of imported commodities or products for purposes other than for sale to the general public;

“normal working hours” means the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday in each week, except on a bank or public holiday;

“point of entry” means airport, seaport or land border point officially designated for the importation of consignments, and/or entrance of passengers;

“regulated commodity” means any commodity, storage place, packaging, conveyance, container, soil and any organism, object or material capable of resulting in the entry, harbouring or spreading of pests or diseases;

“sanitary and phytosanitary measure” include all relevant laws, decrees, regulations, requirements and procedures including, inter alia, end product criteria, processes and production methods; testing, inspection, certification and approval procedures; quarantine treatments including relevant requirements associated with the transport of animals or plants, or with the materials necessary for their survival during transport; provisions on relevant

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statistical methods, sampling procedures and methods of risk assessment; and packaging and labelling requirements directly related to food safety;

“small yacht” means a vessel measuring less than fifty (50) feet in length and/or less than ten (10) feet in width;

“station” means the place where a Quarantine Inspector is assigned to remain or work;

“wood packaging material” means wood, dunnage or wood products, excluding paper products, used in supporting, protecting or carting a commodity.

CAP. 211 (2) The words and expressions used in these Regulations shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act unless such words and expressions are defined in sub-regulation (1).

Export certification. 3. (1) All exports which require certification shall be inspected by the designated officer prior to the issuance of a Sanitary or Phytosanitary Certificate.

(2) Every exporter of a commercial commodity or his authorized agent shall ensure that all necessary information including sanitary or phytosanitary requirements of the importing country, are presented to the designated officer not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the inspection date.

(3) Every exporter of a commercial commodity or product, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority the following fees for the issuance of a Phytosanitary Certificate for such commodity –

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Type of Commodity	Fee	BZ\$
(a) non-commercial commodities or products (either for samples, personal use or in small quantities for research)	10.00;	
(b) commercial commodities or products amounting to less than a truck load or 20 feet container load	20.00;	
(c) commercial commodities or products amounting to more than a truck load or 20 feet container load	100.00;	(per shipment)
(d) commercial commodities or products amounting to more than a truck load or 20 feet container load in one consignment where each container requires a phytosanitary certificate -		
(i) for the first certificate	100.00;	
(ii) for every additional certificate in respect of the same consignment	50.00.	

(4) All fees payable under this Regulation shall be borne by the exporter and paid to the designated officer upon completion of the inspection or to the Authority at any of their offices throughout the country of Belize.

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(5) A Sanitary Certificate will be issued if the commodities for exports meet the requirements of the importing country.

(6) The exporter or his agent shall pay to the Authority a fee of fifty dollars (BZE \$50.00) for the Sanitary Certificate.

(7) Where there are no provisions for the issuance of Sanitary Certificates this Regulation shall apply and shall be read and construed together with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Food Safety) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 25 of 2001) and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Fish and Fisheries Products Inspection) Regulations, 2001 (S.I. 173 of 2001).

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(8) A mileage fee of one dollar and fifty cents (BZ \$1.50) per mile shall be paid to the Authority for field inspections in respect of the issuance of the certificates referred to in this Regulation.

Schedule III.

(9) Fees for sampling and tested shall be as prescribed in Schedule III.

(10) The fees to be paid for the inspection of packing facility services shall be as follows –

Services	Fee (per hour) BZ\$
(a) field inspection, during normal working hours	\$20.00;
(b) field inspection, on holidays or after normal working hours	\$30.00;
(c) inspection of plant or plant products,	

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	during normal working hours, of a consignment for export, which may amount to four (4) containers or more	10.00;
(d)	inspection of plant and plant products, during normal working hours, of a consignment for export, which may amount to less than four (4) containers,	20.00;
(e)	inspection of plant and plant products, irrespective of number of containers per per consignment, after normal working hours	30.00;
(f)	inspection of animal products for export	30.00;
(g)	inspection of live animals	50.00.

(11) All exporters required to sign a compliance agreement, shall pay to the Authority an administrative fee of one hundred dollars (BZ \$100) per agreement. It shall be compulsory to renew the compliance agreement every year.

(12) All fees payable under this Regulation shall be paid immediately to the Quarantine Inspector or to the Authority at any of their offices throughout the country of Belize upon completion of the inspection or the issuance of the relevant certificate, as the case may be.

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Boarding etc., of vessels.

4. (1) Every shipping agent, owner of a vessel, and any owner of a private marina or his authorized agent shall inform a Quarantine Inspector of scheduled arrivals of vessels coming from international ports within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival of such vessels.

(2) No permission to land shall be granted unless a ship inspection has been conducted by a designated officer and his findings indicate full compliance with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary regulations of Belize.

(3) Every owner of a vessel, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for boarding and quarantine inspection of the vessel:

Types of Vessel	Fee BZ\$
(a) Cruise ships and cargo vessels	60.00 per hour;
(b) Large yachts	50.00 per hour;
(c) Small yachts	20.00 per inspection;
(d) Water taxis (arriving from international ports)	20.00 per inspection.

(4) The owner of a vessel with a Belize based agent shall make payments to the nearest office of the Authority on a bi-weekly basis.

(5) The owner or captain of a vessel without a Belize based agent shall make payments directly to the designated officer conducting the quarantine inspection.

(6) The owner or captain of a vessel, or his authorized agent, shall pay the certified transportation expenses of the designated officer, in the case of payments made under sub-regulation (3) (a), (b) or (c) and such expenses shall run from the time the designated officer leaves his station to the time he returns to his station.

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(7) The inspection fees referred to in sub-regulation (3) shall run from the time the designated officer leaves his station until the time he returns to his station.

Boarding etc., of aircraft.

5. (1) Every airline representative, owner of an aircraft, and private dispatching agent shall inform designated officer of scheduled arrivals of aircrafts at the international airport within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival.

(2) Every airline representative, owner of an aircraft, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for boarding and quarantine inspection of his aircraft-

Type of Aircraft	Fee (per inspection) BZ\$
(a) cargo aircraft (international flight)	100.00;
(b) passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of over fifty (50) passengers	50.00;
(c) passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of less than fifty (50) passengers	30.00;
(d) small, private and domestic aircraft arriving in Belize from international airports or from a quarantine area	10.00.

(3) The airline representative or owner of the aircraft, or his authorized agent, shall pay the certified transportation expenses of the

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designated officer, in the case of payments made under sub-regulation (2) (a), (b) or (c).

(4) The inspection fees referred to in sub-regulation (2) (a) and (b) shall run from the time the designated officer leaves his station until the time he returns to his station.

(5) Where an inspection has to be conducted outside of normal working hours, the owner of the aircraft or his agent shall pay to the Authority the fees associated with the inspection of the aircraft including an overtime rate of BZ \$30.00 per hour.

(6) The owner of an aircraft with a Belize based agent shall make payments to the nearest office of the Authority on a bi-weekly basis.

(7) The owner or pilot of an aircraft without a Belize based agent shall make payments directly to the designated officer conducting the quarantine inspection.

Import Permit.

6. (1) Any person desiring to import any commodity or product into Belize shall apply for an import permit for such commodity or product.

(2) Any person desiring to import any commodity or product into Belize shall pay to the Authority the following administrative fees associated with import permit applications –

Type of Commodity	Fee (per application) BZ\$
(i) plants	50.00;
(ii) floral arrangements including wreaths	

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	on wooden frames	50.00;
(iii)	cut flowers	50.00;
(iv)	fertilizers	25.00;
(v)	other plant products	25.00;
(vi)	live animals	50.00;
(vii)	fresh meats	50.00;
(viii)	veterinary drugs and biologics	50.00;
(ix)	animal products and products of animal origin	25.00;
(x)	pet passports (validity of 1 year)	100.00;
(xi)	spices	25.00;
(xii)	biological control agents	50.00;
(xiii)	beneficial agents	50.00;
(xiv)	any other	50.00.

(3) Fees associated with the registration of veterinary drugs, veterinary biologics, veterinary pesticides and animal feed shall be as prescribed in regulations made therefor.

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(4) Where the importation of a given food commodity requires a Sanitary Certificate, but the importer was not able to comply with that importation requirement the following shall apply –

(a) samples of the food shall be taken and tested and the importer shall bear all costs associated with the laboratory analysis as prescribed regulations made therefor;

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(b) where upon inspection, food commodity is determined to be safe for human consumption and meets all other importation requirements, a Sanitary Certificate shall be issued;

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- (c) the fee for a Sanitary Certificate issued under paragraph (b) above shall be fifty dollars (BZ \$50.00);
 - (d) all fees prescribed in this Regulation shall be borne by the importer and paid to the Authority immediately upon receipt of an official bill.
- (5) Fees associated with post entry quarantine shall be as follows:
- (a) any person requiring an inspection of imported commodities at a nursery shall pay to the Authority a fee of thirty dollars (BZ \$30.00) per hour plus a mileage fee of one dollar and fifty cents (BZ \$1.50) per mile;
 - (b) fees associated with the registration of nurseries with the Competent Authority shall be two hundred dollars (BZ \$200.00) per nursery;
 - (c) fees associated with the observation and maintenance of plants held at the Quarantine facility in Central Farm shall be as follows:
 - (i) seedling in trays.....BZ \$2.50 per tray/day;
 - (ii) individual plants in bags or pots.....BZ \$2.50 per day;
 - (iii) cuttings.....BZ\$1.00 per day;
 - (d) fees associated with the inspection of animals in quarantine facilities be it at a farm or any other site designated by the Authority shall be as follows:

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 - (i) a fee of fifty dollars (BZ \$50.00) per hour for the inspection of the animals plus a mileage fee of one dollar and fifty cents (BZ \$1.50) per mile;
 - (ii) laboratory fees as prescribed in Schedule I of these Regulations;
 - (iii) fees for the post mortem examination and disposal of animals shall be paid as prescribed in Schedule I;
- Schedule I.

 - (e) any additional fees incurred with the post entry quarantine of such commodities shall be paid by the owner or his authorized agent to the Authority upon receipt of an official bill.
- Import risk analysis.

7. (1) If –

 - (a) a commodity has never been previously imported into Belize;
 - (b) a commodity or product originates from a country or region not previously approved;
 - (c) a commodity or product originates, comes from or passes through a country or region whose health status changes or is not known by the Authority;
 - (d) there is new information on a particular pest or disease;
or
 - (e) it is required that a country or region provides evidence that an export commodity does not present threat or risk to Belize,

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then an import risk analysis shall be conducted.

(2) Every import risk analysis conducted under sub-regulation (1) shall incur a fee of one thousand dollars (BZ \$1000.00) of which two hundred dollars (BZ \$200.00) shall be paid to the Authority immediately upon application and the remaining balance shall be paid to the Authority upon completion of the import risk analysis.

(3) Where an import risk analysis requires inspection in a foreign country in accordance with regulations prescribed therefor, the interested parties shall bear all expenses associated with the inspection as prescribed in Schedule II.

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Schedule II.

Inspection of
imported
commodities, etc.

8. (1) Every imported commodity or product shall be inspected by a designated officer to determine if a landing permit shall be issued for such commodity or product. The cost of the inspection and any sanitary or phytosanitary measure required subsequent to the inspection shall be borne by the importer.

(2) The importer of a commodity or product referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for quarantine inspection:

Weight or classification of commodity or product	Fee BZ\$
(a) plant, plant products:	
(i) consignment less than or equal to one truck load or 20' container	100.00;
(ii) for any additional truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	50.00;

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(iii)	for a 40' container or its equivalent	150.00;
(iv)	for every additional 40' container or its equivalent	75.00;
(b) live animals:		
(i)	for small animals	10.00 per hour;
(ii)	for large animals	50.00 per hour;
(c) animal products & products of animal origin:		
(i)	for first truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	100.00;
(ii)	for any additional truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	50.00;
(iii)	for a 40' container or its equivalent	150.00;
(iv)	for every additional 40' container or its equivalent	75.00;
(d)	animal feed for food animal by ship load	1.00 per ton;
(e)	grains and meals by ship load	0.50 per ton;
(f) animal feed for food animal		
(i)	for first truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	100.00;

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(ii) for any additional truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	50.00;
(iii) for a 40' container or its equivalent	150.00;
(iv) for every additional 40' container or its equivalent	75.00;
(g) animal feed for companion animal	
(i) for first truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	200.00;
(ii) for any additional truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	100.00;
(iii) for a 40' container or its equivalent	250.00;
(iv) for every additional 40' container or its equivalent	125.00;
(h) construction material/inorganic fertilizer:	
(i) for first truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	50.00;
(ii) for every additional truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	25.00;
(iii) for every 40' container or its equivalent	100.00;
(iv) for every additional 40' container or its equivalent	50.00;

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| (i) construction material/inorganic fertilizer/
shipload/consignment | 0.50 per ton; |
| (j) other commodities imported in consolidated
consignments with a weight less than one
thousand (1,000) pounds
(inspection at port of entry) | 50.00 per
consignment; |
| (k) other commodities imported in quantities
with a weight less than one thousand (1,000)
pounds (not consolidated consignments)
(inspection at port of entry) | 20.00 per
consignment |
| (l) commodities or products with a
weight of or exceeding one thousand (1,000)
pounds (out of port inspection) | initial fee of 50.00 plus
an additional fee of 30.00
per hour plus transportation
cost for designated officer,
wherever inspected. |

(3) Where a landing permit is not issued for a commodity or product under sub-regulation (2) above, such commodity or product shall be confiscated, destroyed or returned to the country of origin at the owner's expense, by the Authority.

(4) A non-governmental organization or statutory body importing

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a commodity or product referred to in sub-regulation (2) for non-commercial purposes may apply to the Managing Director for a waiver of the fees prescribed in sub-regulation (2) above.

In transit
commodities, etc.

9. (1) Every commodity or product which is in transit through Belize shall require an import permit.

(2) The owner of such commodity or product or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority the fees for quarantine inspection prescribed in Regulation 8.

(3) The fees prescribed by sub-regulation (2) shall be paid promptly to the Authority before the inspection.

(4) Every owner of a commodity or product referred to in sub-regulation (1) or his authorized agent, shall pay any other expenses of the designated officer incurred in carrying out his duties under this Regulation.

(5) The expression “other expenses” referred to in sub-regulation (4) includes transportation, overtime, subsistence and accommodation expenses incurred by the designated officer during the process of traveling from the point of entry to the point of departure in Belize, including the commercial free zones, of the commodity or product.

Out of port
inspections.

10. (1) Every container or vessel, carrying any commodity or product which requires quarantine inspection at a private warehouse or storage facility and for which Customs entry forms have been stamped “VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIRED,” shall not be allowed to leave any air, sea or land port unless accompanied by a Container Application Form from the Authority and a designated officer.

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(2) The importer of a commodity or product referred to in sub-regulation (1) above, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority a fee of thirty dollars (BZ\$30.00) per hour for the inspection of such commodity or product, plus the certified transportation expenses of the designated officer.

Importation of dogs
or cats.

11. (1) Any person who fails to produce an import permit for a domestic dog or cat, but produces supporting documents such as a health certificate or proof of rabies vaccination shall be allowed to import such domestic dog or cat upon paying an administrative fine to the Authority of one hundred dollars (BZ \$100.00) per domestic dog or cat.

(2) Any person who produces an import permit but fails to produce any supporting documents in respect of a domestic dog or cat intended to be imported into Belize, shall be allowed to import such domestic dog or cat on the condition that the domestic dog or cat remains in house quarantine and upon paying to the Authority an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (BZ \$100.00) per domestic dog or cat.

(3) The Authority may in its sole discretion allow the importation of a domestic dog or cat where no import permit or supporting documents in respect of such domestic dog or cat are presented provided that an administrative fine of two hundred dollars (BZ\$200.00) is paid to the Authority per domestic dog or cat.

(4) Failure to pay the fines stipulated in sub-regulation (1), (2) and (3) shall result in the confiscation of the domestic dog or cat by the Authority.

(5) Any domestic dog or cat confiscated under sub-regulation (4) shall be placed under the care of the Animal Health Department and housed there for one (1) day and if the owner or importer does not remove such

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domestic dog or cat from Belize it shall be euthanized by an authorized officer of the Authority.

(6) The owner or importer of any domestic dog or cat euthanized under sub-regulation (5) above, shall be liable for any expenses incurred in carrying out such procedure.

Pets in transit.

12. (1) Any person traveling in transit through Belize with a domestic dog or cat who does not possess an import permit and supporting documents for such domestic dog or cat shall incur an administrative fee of two hundred dollars (BZ\$200.00) which shall be payable immediately to the Authority or to any duly authorized officer.

(2) The domestic dog or cat referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be allowed entry into Belize only if it has been found to be free of abrasions and if certified by a local veterinarian to be free of pests and diseases.

(3) The fees incurred for the certification referred to in sub-regulation (2) shall be borne by the person traveling with the domestic dog or cat.

Quarantine treatment.

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13. (1) Every owner of a vehicle or vessel or his authorized agent, entering at any port of entry shall, due to the risk of disease or pest infestation, submit to quarantine treatment as prescribed in regulations made therefor.

(2) Where the owner of a vehicle or vessel or his authorized agent fails to submit to quarantine treatment under sub-regulation (1) above, he shall be refused entry into Belize.

Quarantine inspection.

14. (1) Every consignment entering at any port of entry shall be inspected by a designated officer and a Customs Official.

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(2) Every importer of a commodity or product who fails to submit to inspection under sub-regulation (1) above shall be liable to an administrative fine of two hundred dollars (BZ \$200.00) payable to the Authority or a designated officer.

Incineration of
pets, materials,
etc.

15. The fees associated with the incineration of animals or other materials authorized by the Authority shall be as follows:

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| (a) for the incineration of pets | BZ \$100.00
per pet; |
| (b) for the incineration of hospital
materials | BZ \$57.00
per hour; |
| (c) for the incineration of
confiscated commodities | BZ \$5.00 per
pound. |

Registration of
importers,
exporters.

16. It shall be mandatory that all exporters and importers register with the competent Authority.

Contractual
agreements.

17. The Authority may enter into contractual agreement with any government agency or private sector organization for the provision of technical consultancies in the area of agricultural health and food safety, and the fees to be paid by the Authority under such agreement shall be agreed between the parties.

Miscellaneous.
Schedule I.

18. (1) A person may request the Authority to carry out any inspection or testing as prescribed in Schedule I and shall pay the applicable fees as

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prescribed in that Schedule.

(2) Every person, organization or entity who desires to have technical documents in the areas of agricultural health and food safety to be translated may make such a request in writing to the Managing Director.

(3) A designated officer may, with the written approval of the Managing Director, enter into contractual agreement with requesting parties for the translation of documents.

(4) The fees associated with the translation of documents referred to in sub-regulation (3) above shall be as follows:

(a) a fee of twenty-seven dollars (BZ \$27.00) per page for certified translation from the Spanish language to the English language;

(b) a fee of thirty-seven dollars (BZ \$37.00) per page for certified translation from the English language to the Spanish language.

(5) For the purposes of this Regulation “page” means a type-written sheet of single-spaced character with margins of one inch on all sides and type-written information on one side of the paper only.

Receipt.

19. An official receipt of the Authority shall be issued for any payment made under these Regulations.

Administrative fines and penalties.

20. (1) Any passenger who makes a false declaration on a Customs Declaration Form, pertaining to the importation of plants, animals and their

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products and by-products, shall be liable to an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (BZ\$100.00).

(2) Where an importer of a regulated commodity or product fails to produce an import permit for such regulated commodity or product as prescribed under Regulation 6, in the presence of supporting documents such as Sanitary Certificate, Phytosanitary Certificate and/or Certificate of Origin he shall be liable to an administrative penalty of two hundred dollars (BZ\$200.00) per consignment in addition to an inspection fee of one hundred dollars (BZ\$100.00).

(3) Where an importer of a regulated commodity or product fails to produce supporting documents in the presence of an import permit for such regulated commodity or product, such failure shall result in immediate detention of the commodity or product for inspection and the following administrative fines shall be imposed and paid before the commodity or product is released to the importer –

Type of commodity	Fee BZ\$
(a) commercial quantity	200.00 per consignment plus inspection fee and risk analysis fee;
(b) non-commercial quantity	25.00 per consignment plus inspection fee and risk analysis fee;
(c) commodity requiring only food safety inspection	200.00 per consignment

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plus 50.00 inspection fee.

(4) Where a person attempts to import a commodity or product without an original import permit and original supporting documents from a country or region whose pest or disease status is of importance to Belize (as certified by the Authority), such commodity or product shall be detained and shall not be released unless original supporting documents in respect of such commodity or product are presented to the Quarantine Inspector.

(5) Where, for some unknown reason, original copies cannot be produced as prescribed under sub-regulation (4) above, then fax copies from the Competent Authority of the importing country will be accepted by the Authority provided that such documents are faxed directly from the Competent Authority of the exporting country to the Authority. Fax copies transmitted directly from the importers will not be accepted.

(6) Where the documents presented under sub-regulation (4) or (5) are –

(a) acceptable to the Authority, then the fees for the quarantine treatment as prescribed in regulations made therefor shall apply to the consignment; or

(b) unacceptable to the Authority, then the consignment shall -

(i) be refused entry into Belize and sent back to the country of origin; or

(ii) confiscated and destroyed,

at the expense of the owner or importer.

(7) The Central Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory based in Central Farm Cayo District is hereby designated as the official veterinary diagnostic

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laboratory for the purposes of these Regulations.

- (8) Any person who –
- (a) is found in illegal possession of any plant, plant product, plant by-product, animal, animal product, animal by-product carcass, feed, litter, dung, biologicals or similar commodity;
 - (b) breaks a quarantine seal;
 - (c) fails to inform a designated officer of scheduled arrivals of any conveyance coming from either an International port or airport within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival;
 - (d) fails to allow the boarding of any conveyance for inspection to be conducted by a designated officer of the Authority;
 - (e) boards any conveyance without the presence of a designated officer;
 - (f) imports into Belize any commodity or product to which Parts VI and X of the Act do not apply, otherwise than under an import permit granted by the Authority;
 - (g) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of any import permit referred to in

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paragraph (d),

commits an offence.

(9) Every person who commits an offence under sub-regulation (8) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than two thousand dollars but not exceeding five thousand dollars or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

Penalty for failure to declare regulated commodities, etc.

21. Failure to declare any regulated commodity or product to a designated officer at a port of entry shall result in the confiscation of the commodity or product and the importer of the commodity or product shall be subject to a penalty as follows –

Quantity	Fee BZ\$
(a) commercial quantity	2000.00;
(b) non-commercial quantity	500.00.

Repeal.
S.I. 62/2001.

22. The Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Inspection and Certification Fees) Regulations, 2001 (S.I. No. 62 of 2001) are repealed.

Commencement.

23. These Regulations shall come into force on the _____ day of _____, 2004.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture this _____ day of _____, 2004.

(SERVULO BAEZA)
Minister of Agriculture

SCHEDULE I

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VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY LABORATORY AND OTHER RELATED FEES

[Regulations 6(5) (d) (ii) and (iii); 18(1)]

TEST		PRICE BZ \$	
FAECAL	SIMPLE SMEAR	5.00	
	MODIFIED MACMASTER	10.00	
	FORMALIN ETHER CONCENTRATION TECHNIQUE	15.00	
	LUNGWORM (BAYERMAN APPARATUS)	15.00	
	FASCIOLA	QUARANTINE	30.00
		ROUTINE	15.00
BLOOD	CBC	20.00	
	BLOOD PARASITES (GIEMSA)	10.00	
	HEARTWORM (MKT)	15.00	
	HEARTWORM – ELISA	30.00	
SKIN SCRAPING (KOH)		10.00	
URINALYSIS (MANUAL AND MICROSCOPIC)		15.00	
LEISHMANIA (GIEMSA)		20.00	
BACTY	GRAM STAIN	10.00	
	CULTURE	30.00	
	CULTURE & ID	50.00	
	CULTURE, ID & SENSITIVITY	65.00	
	STRAIN IDENTIFICATION (Salmonella serotyping)	70.00	
SEROLOGY	BRUCELLA (RIVANOL)	10.00	
	EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANAEMIA (AGID)	30.00	
	ENZOOTIC BOVINE LEUKEMIA (AGID)	20.00	
	AVIAN INFLUENZA (AGID)	20.00	

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	CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER (ELISA)	275.00
VACCINE PREPARATION		60.00*
RABIES (FAT)		20.00
TUBERCULOSIS (CAUDAL FOLD)		5.00
BIOCHEMISTRY	Referred to private laboratory. Referral fee (S&H)	20.00 plus cost of test
MILK	METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION	10.00
	SOMATIC CELL COUNT (SMEAR)	15.00
	TOTAL COLONY COUNT (CULTURE)	30.00
VESICULAR STOMATITIS		NO CHARGE
ENTOMOLOGY	SCREW WORM/LARVA ID	10.00
	VARROA	10.00
POSTMORTEMS		75.00 per animal
REFERRALS	Local (in country) S&H	20.00
	International S & H	200.00
DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS		**50.00 per bulk

+ S & H APPLIES IF SAMPLE IS REFERRED

- *PRICE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
- **If animals are too numerous the Authority shall reserve the right to increase the fees.

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SCHEDULE II

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH INSPECTION OF FOREIGN FACILITIES

[Regulation 7(3)]

1. Unless otherwise stated, it will be the responsibility of the exporter/ importer to cover all certified costs associated with the inspection conducted in a foreign country. The costs shall include:
 - (a) airfare and other certified travel costs (taxi to airport, airport taxes, visa, etc.) which may be incurred and are associated with the inspection. Tickets shall be sent to the Authority at least three (3) days prior to the intended departure of the designated officer(s);
 - (b) all expenses within reasonable limits in respect of boarding and lodging are to be met;
 - (c) a per diem of one hundred and sixty dollars US (\$160.00) per day per officer;
 - (d) the per diem shall be paid directly to the designated officers upon arrival at the country requesting the inspection.

2. A minimum administrative fee of one thousand dollars (US \$1000.00) shall be paid directly to the Belize Agricultural Health Authority **not less than ten (10) working days** prior to the intended departure from Belize. An inspection which may result in a length of stay that exceeds a maximum of three (3) working days shall result in an additional administrative fee of one hundred dollars (US \$100.00) per day.

3. Payments shall be made to the following address:

To: **The Belize Agricultural Health Authority,**
Bank of Nova Scotia, Albert Street, Belize City,

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Account Number 288-19

Swift Code NOSCIBZBS.

4. An official invoice will be sent to the Competent Authority or to the exporter indicating the description of the services offered, the rates charged and the amount due.
 5. The Belize Agricultural Health Authority will verify payments and will issue an official receipt.
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COMMENTS:

1. Amend Act so that the MD can empower Senior Managers of Quarantine to prosecute on BAHA's behalf. Check Section 47.

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SCHEDULE III

PLANT HEALTH LABORATORY FEES

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SERVICE		PRICE BZ \$
Lab tests	ELISA Test	30.00/hr. (10-12 hrs.)
	Bioassay	30.00/hr. (10-12 hrs.)
	Mycology	30.00/hr. (6-8 hrs.)
	Nematode	30.00/hr. (6-24)
	Bacteriological	30.00/hr. (6-24)
	Collection of samples for testing	5.00/sample
	Post entry quarantine inspections	30.00/hr.
Annual inspection fees for facilities	Greenhouse	130.00
	Lumber mill	400.00
	Seed packing facility	45.00
	Grain loading facility	100.00
	Flour mill	180.00
	Grain or plant storage facility	260.00
	Other facility	60.00
Field inspections	Sod farm, seed corn, nursery	30.00 first two (2) acres, 10.00 each additional acre.
	Small fruit farm	25.00 first two (2) acres, 10.00 each additional acres
	Post entry quarantine nurseries	50.00 first two (2) acres, 20.00 each additional acres
	Fruit tree nurseries	5.00 first two (2) acres, 2.00 each additional acres
	Flower/bulb production	200.00 first two (2) acres, 90.00 each additional acres
	Peas, beans, grains and other field crops	50.00 for each ten (10) acres.
	Greenhouse or nursery	175.00 per hour
Services and usage of equipment	Packaged deal use of the Plant Health Laboratory with basic equipment (microscope & diagnostic aids and identification keys)	250.00 per day
	Use of laboratory and rental of space for workshops conducted by national entities (with BAHA officials offering supervision)	200.00 per day
	Use of microscope and stereoscope	50.00 per entity per day
	Other laboratory equipment	60.00 per day
	Other equipment such as GPS (batteries not included)	25.00 per day
	Library use and/or membership fee	2.00 per month
	Plant Health Officers to conduct training or provide presentations or teaching sessions	75.00 per hour
	Assistance of personnel	20.00 per day